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In connection with item 7b of the Draft Agenda for the Sub-committee on Export Controls meeting in Rome on 19th May, 1959, (Annex to Cocom Document 3486), the United Kingdom Delegation submit details of a development in the manufacture of oscilloscopes, (International List, item 1584) presenting them with a control problem on which they feel an exchange of views would be valuable.

2. The entry in the United Kingdom Export Control Order for oscilloscopes follows, with only slight re-arrangement, the International List Item.

3. A United Kingdom firm has developed electronic equipment made in the form of standard units of varying types. These 'building bricks' are not subject to embargo as they are not specialised parts of cathode ray oscilloscopes as defined in the International List yet if they are coupled together they can easily be made to function as an embargoed item. For example six units each of two cathode ray tubes plus a standard monitoring unit would make a twelve tube display head (embargoed). These same units plus a standard x and y band amplifier of low band width would make a low grade television servicing instrument (not embargoed). Other combinations are possible and the units can be fairly described as 'non specialised' parts. This results in the anomalous position that if the units are coupled together before export a licence is required, but is unnecessary if the parts are exported separately except that the United Kingdom licensing authorities would regard the shipment of separate parts against a foreign order for a complete oscilloscope as a deliberate evasion of control.

4. The control of parts in support of Administrative Principle No. 4 was dealt with very fully in Cocom in 1952/3 - particular reference is made to the U.S.A. Memorandum Cocom document 1002.1, - and was also considered by this Sub-committee, but the combination of non specialised parts to form an embargoed item appears to be a later technical development. It is referred to the Sub-committee not for any technical interest but as a control problem. It is believed that only one firm in the U.S.A. and another firm in Switzerland make similar units while a second United Kingdom firm are on the point of commencing manufacture on a commercial scale.

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